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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Masahiro Kaneko et al.) Group Art Unit: 3651
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Serial No.: 10/802,757) Examiner: P. Mackey
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Filed: March 18, 2004)
) Confirmation No.: 5362
For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND)
SINGLE-SHEET PROCESSING)
MACHINE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated November 25, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Species A (edge stapling), B (center stapling) and C (case binding). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species B (Center Stapling) directed to claims 1 and 15-19.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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